



Henry Joseph Murphy III

September 21, 1963 - December 12, 2020

Henry Joseph Murphy III passed away peacefully in his home at the age of 57. He is survived by his mother, Marilyn; his sisters, Laura and Gina; his daughters, Jodi and Meghan; and his dog, Banjo.

Although it is impossible to capture the essence of a larger than life person in a short text, we remember him as a beloved father, as well as a son, brother, uncle, a great love, and in particular, a friend when you needed one the most.

He brought joy to uncountable people as a musician, and that was what, in turn, brought joy to him. He had a gift for connecting with people, making them laugh, and sharing the peace he'd found in salvation.

Henry shined as an unconditionally loving parent who bestowed upon his daughters a belief that they could do anything. They shared a deep love and understanding that transcends his passing.

Born in Chicago and raised in Atlanta, Henry is still spoken about in Nashville for performances that were unparalleled in energy, especially as the lead of Henry & The Seahawks at the Tin Roof. But he found his real home on the beaches of St. Augustine, where he lived until his passing.

He taught those who knew him many things, above all to rejoice and give

thanks to the Lord; his life itself was a ministry of gratitude and generosity. His spirit lives on through his music, which will be treasured forever as the soundtrack to his memory—ever smiling, ever gentle on my mind.

Psalm 98:4 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. ~~~~seA ya in the Son!~~~

In lieu of gifts or flowers, Henry's daughters ask that you consider a donation to the MusiCares Coronavirus Relief Fund, <https://www.grammy.com/musicares/get-help/musicares-coronavirus-relief> , in memory of Henry Murphy.

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Henry Joseph Murphy III*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - December 17, 2020 at 12:55 PM

EE

Good Memories HJ. "Sea Ya in the Son! Life's more Fun in the Son!"

Ellen Elsner - August 09, 2021 at 06:14 AM

JS

*I reconnected with Henry in February of 2020. We quickly got reacquainted, and he became my spiritual advisor
I cherish the many conversations we had about salvation and following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Thank you for the friendship and guidance Henry Joe. I will miss your angelic voice the most*

jill spurlock - November 12, 2023 at 07:04 PM

JS

“ *Henry and I briefly dated in high school . He was friendly, charismatic, and handsome. His smile lit up any room. Before his tragic passing, Henry was my spiritual advisor, and we talked for many hours on the phone. I will miss him very much. Rest in peace in heaven my friend. Seaya in the Son!*

Jill Spurlock - July 24, 2025 at 07:01 PM

DB

“ You will be missed dear friend!

Debra Brown - July 06, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ Dear Jodi and Meghan,
I've tried to reach out to you via social media and just found this site today, so I hope this finds you. I just want to send my most sincere condolences on the loss of your father. You likely won't remember, but I met you many years ago in Atlanta when you were young girls and saw you again a few years ago at a Seahawks reunion in Nashville. Henry was a dear sweet friend, and he always spoke so highly of the two of you. You really made him proud. My heart is broken to lose him, but it gives me great comfort to know he is resting in his Savior's arms. His talent, charm, and kindness will never be forgotten.

- Shannon Frost

Shannon Frost - January 21, 2021 at 03:44 PM


CM

“ I am so saddened to hear of Henry's passing. My husband and I are snowbirds and one of the highlights of our winters has been going to Henry's gigs. I met Henry years ago in the post office. His huge smile and friendly demeanor was magnetic. He told me about his music as we waited on line and gifted me his CD. Through the years my family faced some challenges and Henry would take my hand and pray for my Mom, my son, and my daughter between sets. He was extremely proud of his beautiful daughters and loved his dog Banjo. He will be sorely missed !!! I am sure he is playing guitar and singing with the angels. Thank you Henry .

Catherine McGuire - January 12, 2021 at 09:01 AM

PA

April 2, 2021

I was hoping to go and see Henry Joe tonight as I am visiting family in St. Augustine. I met him at A restaurant in town with my husband. We were fortunate to sit front and center with him. We hit it off immediately as my husband is an avid music fan. This particular night his exwife was there. He proudly shared this with us as he also shared his deep love of his daughters . He was so very proud of you both. We stayed for his entire set and at the end we got his card and said we would have him to town for a football game and have him entertain us with his love of music and Jesus. I am so very sad to hear of his passing! He was a very kind and loving soul ! He will be greatly missed! Loved his music but loved his heart and love for his family more! My heartfelt condolences to you all 

pam - April 03, 2021 at 10:05 AM

RM

“ *Our condolences to the family of Henry Joe. He was our favorite entertainer to see in St. Augustine area and his friendship was always welcome and comforting. His strong faith will insure his eternal life with our Lord and Savior> Rest in Peace my friend.*

Rich and Cathy McGuire

Richard McGuire - January 11, 2021 at 09:39 PM

GH

“ *We shared many a laugh over many years, talked for hours at a time on the phone...two friends with a passion for music. Rest easy, Henry...you will be greatly missed and never forgotten!*

Gary Hannan - January 05, 2021 at 03:56 PM

KG

“ *A man of passion and life that filled the air with entertainment and influence. Thank you.*



Kyle Goldsmith - January 01, 2021 at 01:34 PM

KA

“ *Karen sent a virtual gift in memory of Henry Joseph Murphy III*



Karen - December 26, 2020 at 11:57 PM

KA

“ *Karen lit a candle in memory of Henry Joseph Murphy III*



Karen - December 26, 2020 at 11:56 PM

PM

“ *I heard of this sad news last night. Condolences and peace to Henry's family and his friends.*

Phil Monte - December 25, 2020 at 11:53 AM

JW

He played a song four me at sait life when I was not gating along with my pops he got done senging the song four me then came out if sait life and prayed with me he told me to all ways try to send with your pops he is the only one you have rip my brother I Will all ways rembber you sengging a song four me

Joey wages - December 26, 2020 at 06:26 PM

GM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gina Apicella McNew - December 21, 2020 at 05:19 PM

GM

“ *First and foremost my sincere condolences to Henry's family. Henry and I recently met and in doing so found our paths had crossed numerous times as I too lived in Atlanta for some years. Weeks before his passing I met him down at The Golden Lion and gave him a tumbler inscribed with the words seA ya in the Son. After his set we ended up sitting alone for about 3 hours totally in the still and calm evening that night. I shared with him the loss of my son and he played his tribute to his brother Todd off of a video on his phone. It brought tears to my eyes and before I could even react he gently wiped them away. It was one of the most poignant moments I ever experienced in my life. Over those hours we talked music, family, star gazing and God. I don't think for as long as I live I will ever forget that evening. It was as if God orchestrated it for the two of us. My heart burst when I saw the announcement of his passing. I just couldn't believe it because he had so much he was looking forward to, but as he and I spoke about that night...first and foremost we are HIS children and when Our Father calls us home what a joy and privilege it is. I know that doesn't lessen the heartache for those left to grieve, but heaven gained a beautiful angel and the song among the clouds is that much sweeter. I'll hope to seA you again dear friend.*

Gina Apicella McNew - December 21, 2020 at 05:13 PM

LR

“ I can't believe he's gone. I can tell you, without a doubt, his list for things that were important to him were God, his beautiful daughters and his music. People were instantaneously drawn to his kind spirit. His smile was contagious and he always managed to have it, even if he didn't feel it. His spirit will live on through his music. It makes my heart happy that he left that gift for us all. He had a small circle of "close" friends that he loved. If you were counted in that circle, you were blessed! Henry, you will be missed by many. You have your happy ending and no longer have to mourn the world. I know you are singing and playing praise music in Heaven and that puts a smile on my face. You will never be forgotten.

Lisa Richardson - December 19, 2020 at 11:35 AM

DP

“ I am so incredibly sad to hear of Henry's passing. The first time I saw him play was at Flagler Beach Fl. I saw him a few times after and a friendship blossomed. We had some great conversations. ,He was an incredible soul and people were just drawn to him. He had an amazing presence and was so kind. There will never be another like him. He is with his Heavenly father now and I pray for his family as they mourn this loss. May God comfort you all and give you peace in this sad sad time.

Dawn Paris - December 18, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ 15 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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